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implement the bill, the legislation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you be opposed to making the effective date 2005?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I would vote red on that, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: May I ask why?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, I don't...I think what we're asking is for a reasonable amount of time. It gives our petroleum marketers plenty of time to get...to get geared up for the change, which I don't think should be a problem. But I think if you go to 2005, you're essentially taking away any immediate impact this bill may have on the ethanol industry in this state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then this bill does relate to the ethanol industry.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, it does.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And to farmers.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, it does.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Just like that dairy compact was designed to help farmers.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, this is considerably different, Senator Chambers, but the purpose may be the same.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Isn't the purpose of this bill to require every station that dispenses gasoline to the public to have an ethanol pump, at least one ethanol pump?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then how can we say this is not a mandate?

SENATOR SCHROCK: It's a mandate from the standpoint that it requires an ethanol blend to be sold at all stations.